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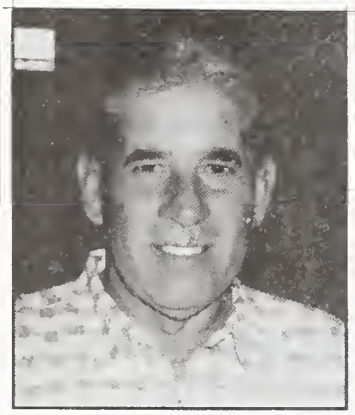

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Area Thanksgiving Celebrations

In the spirit of the season this past week, several Thanksgiving celebrations were held by various town groups to recognize all that they are thankful for while providing an opportunity to "gather together." And just like that first collaboration between the pilgrims and native Americans in Plymouth, these celebrations provided an opportunity for young and old to share some time together and perhaps better understand each other.

For the seventh consecutive year, the eighth grade class at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School sponsored a Thanksgiving Dinner for the senior citizens of the tri-town area. The banquet, organized by students Grace Maynard, Kelly Jones, Erin Poyant, Nicole McLaughlin, and Meghan Dewalt, took place from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday, November 23 at the school. It was estimated that over 300 meals were served at the traditional event, and arrangements were made to distribute several meals to shut-ins through the Council on Aging.

Students in Grade 3 at the Acushnet Elementary School donned pilgrim and native American attire to participate in the school's annual Thanksgiving feast. Parents, seniors and town officials were invited to dine on the traditional turkey meal with all the fixings and enjoy the celebration inside the classroom which was decorated with a long banquet table and an Indian teepee. The celebration kicked off Tuesday morning, November 25 at 11:00 am, and participants were still enjoying the festivities well past noontime at the school.

The congregations of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting House, and the Mattapoisett Congregational Church also joined together in worship at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:30 pm. They rejoiced in spiritual unity and offered thanks for their blessings.

Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. Regional Elderly Nutrition Program, in coordination with McDonald's on Hathaway Road, the Baptist Church on William Street, the area nursing homes, and the Councils on Aging of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Acushnet, and Fairhaven were also planning to provide an estimated 1,000 meals to the elderly community on Thanksgiving.

These meals were scheduled to be served at the Baptist Church at 12:00 noon and 2:30 pm and McDonald's at 11:30 am. Transportation was provided for those who did not have means to get to McDonald's or the Baptist Church with the cooperation of Yellow Cab, Tremblay Bus, the Council on Aging in New Bedford, and Coastline Elderly Services, Inc.

Home-delivered meals for the homebound were also delivered by volunteers from *The Standard-Times*, Com/Electric, court officers and their families, MediaOne personnel, and other families and their children from the community. Coastline also acquired food from the Boy Scouts and other sources and food baskets were made available to the elderly needy.

"Christmas Rose"

St. Anthony's Annual Christmas Fair

St. Anthony's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church hall on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. The theme will be "Christmas Rose." The fair will feature knit goods, baked goods, greens, a boutique with many Christmas rose items, the popular next-to-new table, Chinese auction, raffle, and children's area.

St. Anthony's Fair has a long tradition and is an annual event held on the first Saturday in December. It has been very successful in the past in raising money for scholarships and helping defray parish expenses. This year, the annual Limited Edition Ornament is a combined effort of three tireless workers: George Avila, known for his beautiful drawings of local landmarks, has contributed his drawing of the town gazebo; Roni King, a talented musician and crafter, has decoupaged the ornament; and Maggie Valliere has painted the Christmas tree inside.

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The fair will also feature a Boutique Table with a rose theme. The Pantry Table will have baked goods plus

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On the cover: *Grade 3 students at the Acushnet Elementary School dressed up like pilgrims and native Americans for this week's traditional Thanksgiving celebration. Pictured here at the banquet table are (from l. to r.) Angela DeMello, Keri Silva, Kristin Ehly, and Haylie Tchorz. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *George Avila and Roni King pose with the new Mattapoisett town gazebo ornament which will be on sale at the St. Anthony's Christmas Fair on December 6. Mr. Avila designed the drawing of the gazebo, and Ms. King decoupaged the ornament. The fair will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the church hall on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett.*

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The raffle items are a $500 U.S. Savings Bond, a BMX bicycle, and a framed watercolor of New Bedford's Cobblestone Way by Sylvia Carlos Slattery. Michael McCarthy has also donated a hand-carved swan and Peter Martin's designed Mattapoisett flag.

Please come and enjoy the beautifully-decorated hall and the fellowship of friends and neighbors.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 25, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were Selectman Michele Bernier and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After signing vouchers and bills for the week, the board unanimously voted to approve license renewals for 1998 and also voted to approve the sale of the Estate of Ripley Lake Harding property (1416 Pine Island Road) at a cost of $240,000.

Under meetings scheduled throughout the week, Chairman DeCosta noted that the Town Hall would be

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closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Chairman DeCosta wished to extend a Happy Thanksgiving to all residents.

On Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm, the Master Plan Study Committee will meet in the Town Hall Copy Room. Also on Monday, December 1 at 7:30 pm, the Planning Board will meet in the Selectmen's Office. And on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm, the town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Shipyard Park (with a rain date set for December 5).

At 7:05 pm Diane Perry asked the board for some clarification with regards to her Commission on Disabilities. She asked if the board had received any

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response on the ADA Coordinator's position. Ms. Adams noted that no one had applied, and she has since resigned as acting ADA Coordinator although she will assist in any way possible until one is appointed.

"I'll call the (state) Commission on Disabilities to see if we can do a regional coordinator," Ms. Adams said.

Ms. Perry also wanted to improve the communication between her commission and the Board of Selectmen. "I wonder if we could have a memo from the board whenever handicap or disabilities issues are discussed," she asked. Ms. Adams agreed to provide any such information, including copies of the previous week's meeting upon approval.

Those interested in serving as the town's ADA Coordinator should submit a letter and resume to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Town Hall. The only requirement is that the person be an employee of the town.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received an update from the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) regarding the November 5 Joint Transportation Planning Group meeting.

The Office for Administration and Finance, Human Resources Division, sent information relating to the Initial Medical Standards for Municipal Fire Fighters (Wellness Program). This information includes the new standards which became effective this past spring, along with the 1998 schedule of Physical Ability Tests (PAT) for newly-appointed fire fighters and police officers.

The Office of Environmental Affairs sent notification that Mattapoisett's Open Space and Recreation Plan has been conditionally approved through November, 2002. Conditional approval will allow the town to apply and receive grant awards through November, 2002, but no grant reimbursement payments

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Chairman DeCosta said he wanted to thank Selectman Bernier and her committee for their hard work on preparing an "excellent report." Selectman Bernier noted that the final draft of the report should be ready by mid-December.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club sent notification that they will be sponsoring two holiday events on Saturday, December 6 — first, a Children's Candy Cane Fair from 2:00 to 4:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6; second, a Holiday Dance from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, also at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Ms. Adams noted that these are both new events this year.

The ORR Building Construction and Renovations Committee sent notification that Marion Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson and Rochester Selectman William Chamberlain have been appointed as representatives to the committee.

Irwin Marks of the emPOWERment group sent a notice that their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 pm at the Acushnet Town Hall. All

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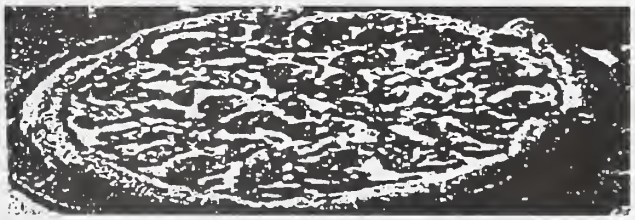

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The Planning Board sent a letter advising that they are in the process of drafting a by-law for wireless telecommunications. Due to the process involved, however, the actual article will not be ready for the January 5 deadline. The article is still being planned for placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, however, and Ms. Adams is aware of this situation.

Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management Peter Webber sent notification of the Sixth Annual Greenways and Trails Demonstration Grants Program. The DEM will award grants to non-profit organizations, municipalities, and regional planning agencies to support innovative greenway and trails projects. The 1998 program will emphasize river greenways, greenway and trail-related education and outreach, and resource protection. Selectman Bernier suggested this information be passed on to Water/Sewer Superintendent William Nicholson for his consideration.

At 7:20 pm the board met with Fire Chief Ronald Scott to discuss plans for a new above-ground fuel tank for town use. "Arnold Briggs, Carol Adams, and myself have done some research on above-ground tanks ... next year we have to have our fuel tanks replaced," Chief Scott said. "I've looked at Acushnet's tanks, which were recently installed, and that type of set-up should fit our

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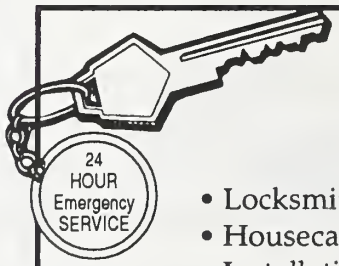

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Chief Scott added that under the 21-J program, the town would be eligible for a 50 percent grant for the project. So if they plan to purchase the tank outright, the town would only be responsible for half of the total estimated cost of $60,000 to $70,000. Both the Selectmen and members of the Capital Needs Committee who were present at the meeting agreed it made more sense to purchase the tank and apply for the grant as opposed to leasing the unit over five years. Chief Scott said he will prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) with Mr. Briggs for the above-ground tank.

Members of the Capital Needs Committee (CNC) also addressed several upcoming budget items which the town will need to consider over the next five years. CNC Chairman Randall Kunz noted that his committee was formed several years ago to report back to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee jointly on large capital expenditures. Last year, they completed an extensive budget and outlined some of the significant purchases which need to be made over the next five years.

According to Mr. Kunz, some of the more pressing projects include:

• Renovations and/or refurbishing to Center School - Mr. Kunz noted that this will depend on what the town wants to do with the building, either maintain it as a school or find another use;

• Renovations to ORR Junior High School - Mr. Kunz noted this project will certainly cost in the "millions";

• New Fire Station - Mr. Kunz said the current Fire Station is no longer adequate for the town's needs, and a new facility will need to be built, possibly next to the existing Police Station. This project is estimated to cost $2 million;

• Expansion/Relocation of Water Department - Mr. Kunz noted the Water Department is "cramped" into their present Church Street location and they need more space;

• Purchase of Ladder Apparatus - Mr. Kunz added that state regulations and insurance ratings may

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behoove the town to purchase a ladder apparatus for the Fire Department. Purchase of this unit would cut insurance costs to home owners.

"There are a number of other items in the wind which aren't going to effect the tax rate directly," Mr. Kunz said. "But this is where we are at the present time."

The board thanked Mr. Kunz and the Capital Needs Committee for their report and noted that their work is much appreciated.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:46 pm.

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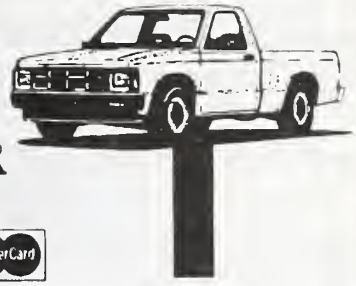

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Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 25, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday. November 24 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Selectman William Chamberlain, Executive Secretary Russell Dean, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

On the agenda at 7:05 pm, the board met with Dick Divoyka, Town Auditor for Fiscal Year 1997. He informed the board that between $800,000 and $900,000 was returned to the treasury. The budgets done for the year were higher than what was actually needed. He also informed the board that minor housekeeping must be maintained, such as watching over the payments of licenses and fees. Overall, everything looked good.

At 7:15 pm, the board met with Mrs. David Mendell regarding complaints made against her dog. The complaints began last spring when the dog would bark for hours on end. Initially, Dog Officer Tom Medeiros was called in to take action on the barking. In one instance, the dog aggressively attacked neighbor Tara Lynn Blanchard. Presently, Ms. Blanchard is afraid to walk outdoors because she is not very mobile because of a brace she wears on her knee.

When the board informed Ms. Mendell of these occurrences, she stated she was taking steps to keep the animal under control. "The dog has not been fixed, which may help the temperament afterwards," she said. "Plus, the lead it had used to get tangled around the trees. Finally, we are in the process of making a dog house for it. I apologize because the dog has been a bother to the neighbors."

Selectman Chamberlain made a motion that the

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dog become fixed and licensed in the next two weeks. Plus, a dog house must be built and better restraints bought for the dog. After this has been accomplished, within a two-week span, Ms. Mendell must write a letter to the board informing them everything has been taken care of. The other board members agreed on this motion, which was passed unanimously.

On the agenda at 8:00 pm, the board met with members of the Park Commission. They came to inform the board of their progress, as well as to keep the lines of communication open. The Park Commission will be holding an informational session on Friday, November 28 at 1:00 pm. They will be sharing information with the public and the press on the Dexter Lane site. Also, the commission would like to place a sign on the front of the property, letting the public know exactly what is going on. The board seemed pleased with the Commission's progress and urged them to keep up the good work.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- A memo from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) stating that during a November 18 meeting, they appointed Norene Hartley to the Soil Conservation Board;
- A letter from Mitchell Adams, Commissioner of the Department of Revenue (DOR), letting the board know that the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund Administrative Review

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Board had approved the town's grant request of $475;

• A letter from the Commissioner of Rochester's Softball League informing the board they are looking for funds to support new equipment needs.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Acushnet Selectmen's Meeting

November 24, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Acushnet Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 24 at 6:00 pm by Chairman Robert J. St. Jean. Also present were Selectman Everett L. Hardy Jr., Selectman Peter

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Koczera, and Executive Secretary Elaine G. Miranda.

Chairman St. Jean first noted that the board met in Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss an investigation initiated by residents into the workings of the Board of Public Works (BPW). Chairman St. Jean noted that the Board of Selectmen had voted to accept the report and would forward it to Town Counsel for review before releasing the findings.

On a similar note, Chairman St. Jean said that a grievance hearing with the DPW union representative which had been scheduled for 6:30 pm that evening had been postponed since the union representative was unavailable. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Ms. Miranda noted that a new Animal Control Officer had been appointed for the Town of Fairhaven. As such, the board needed to appoint her as Deputy Animal Control Officer for Acushnet so that she could handle calls when the regular ACO is unavailable. The board unanimously voted to appoint Christy Dias as Deputy ACO for the Town of Acushnet.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received an invitation from the Acushnet Elementary School to attend a Thanksgiving celebration on Tuesday, November 25 beginning at 11:00 am. Both Chairman St. Jean and Selectman Hardy said they would try to attend.

Board of Public Works (BPW) member Donald Gaspar next submitted a letter of resignation to the board, noting that he is resigning from the BPW effective November 20. The board noted that there is now a vacancy on the BPW, and interested persons should submit a letter and resume to the Board of Selectmen by December 12 at 3:00 pm.

Selectman Hardy moved that a standard letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Gaspar, but Selectman Koczera

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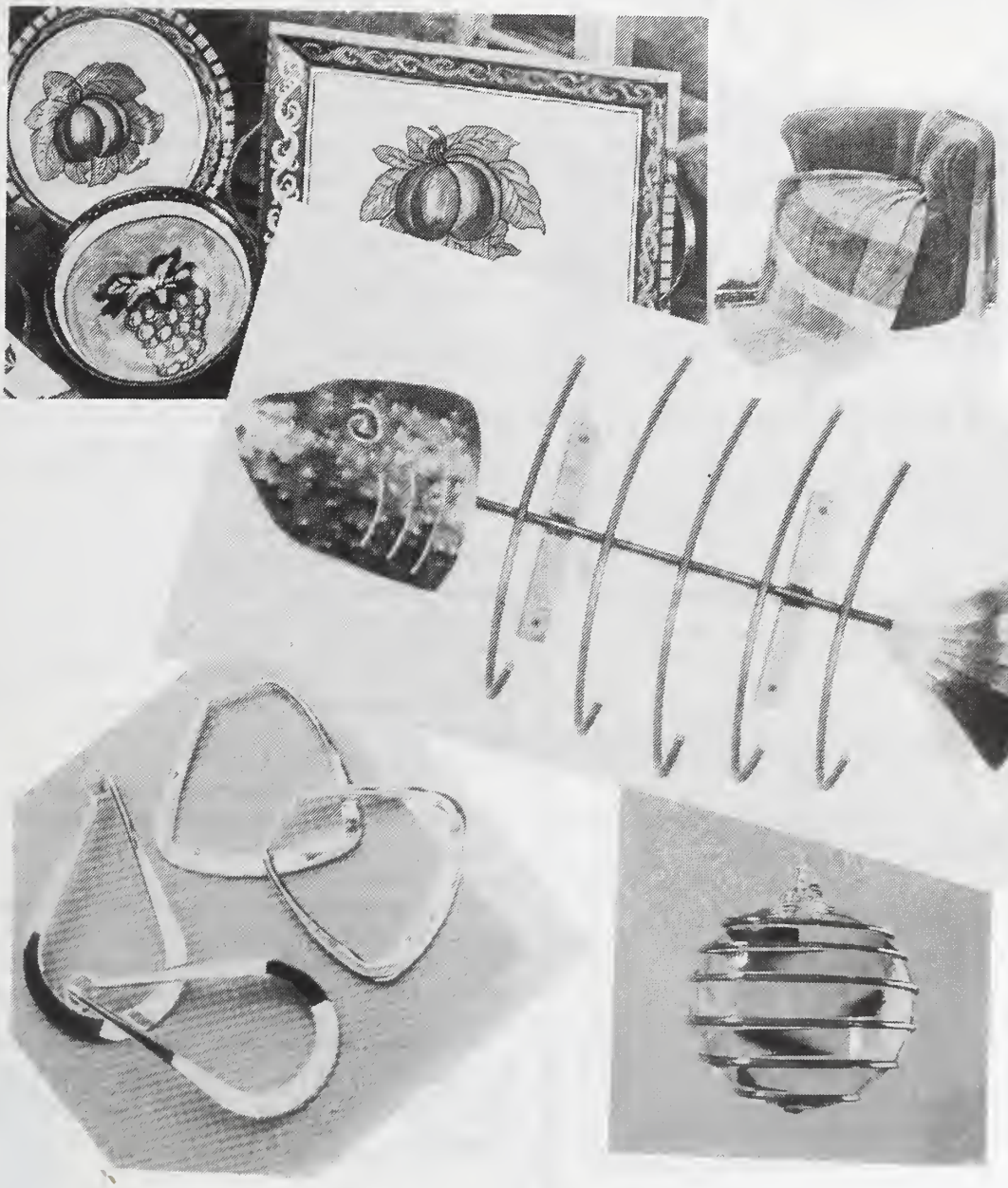

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said he wouldn't support the motion.

Harriet Howland next submitted a request to place a "Deer Crossing" sign anywhere between 150 and 206 Mendall Road. The board unanimously voted to forward this request to the Safety Committee for a recommendation.

The Acushnet Cultural Council next submitted a recommendation to the board that they reappoint Walter S. Dalton Jr. to the council for a three-year term. The board unanimously voted to reappoint Mr. Dalton as per the request.

Police Chief Michael Poitras next sent a memo to the board regarding the possible expansion of the police department since the Council on Aging was recently awarded a grant to refurbish the Mason W. Burt School as a new senior center. "I am writing to remind you that the police department is in dire need of space and an upgrade of our current facility," Chief Poitras wrote. "I would hope that we could take over the entire first floor once the COA makes their move."

The board agreed to place the memo on file, and Selectman Koczera noted that the police department is a major contender for some of the space which will be vacated by the Council on Aging.

Director of Finances Alan G. Coutinho next sent a memo to the board regarding a recent request from the Trust Fund Commissioners to appoint John Nunes to a vacant position on their board. Mr. Coutinho said he did some research and he has a couple of problems with

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As such, Mr. Coutinho recommended that the board appoint either a member of the Board of Selectmen or the Executive Secretary to the Trust Fund Commission. Selectman Hardy volunteered to serve, and the board unanimously appointed him to the commission.

George Perry of the Golf Course Recreation Committee next came before the board to ask whether his committee was still in force now that a new Golf Course

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Mr. Perry said that if his committee is still active, they would like to pursue the creation of nature trails and other resources in town. "We'd like to continue meeting downstairs in Town Hall and we'd like to develop nature trails throughout town," he said.

The Selectmen noted that the members of the Golf Course Recreation Committee have been appointed through June, 1998. But Selectman Hardy said that if the committee is going to be doing recreation-oriented projects, they might want to consider changing their name.

"I think we should ask (Mr. Perry) and his committee to meet and come up with a new name and maybe organize a new committee," Selectman Hardy said. "I think there should be someone from the Park Commission on the committee."

The board unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Perry and his committee to continue holding meetings and pursue nature trails in town. Any residents interested in serving on the committee should contact Mr. Perry or the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Koczera then noted that Leonard Gonsalves from the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) contacted him to request a representative from Acushnet to serve on the BBAC. Chairman St. Jean said it was his understanding that the BPW was sending a representative to their meetings. Selectman Hardy

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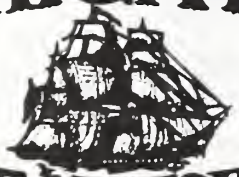
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suggested they forward this matter to the BPW so that they could select a representative. "The DPW Superintendent should serve (as representative)," he said. "If they don't appoint him, we'll find someone else."

Animal Control Officer Alfred Brouillette next came before the board to advise them that the Animal Control van is in need of serious repair work. Mr. Brouillette said the vehicle will not pass inspection for emissions, and the current sticker expires at the end of the month. "We need to replace the engine ... I shopped around and there aren't too many people who do that type of work," he said. "I got two estimates — one from Custom Auto at $1,898.45 and the other from Rep/Weld Corporation at $2,044.60."

Mr. Brouillette said he only has a little over $700 in his budget. In order to get this work done on the van, they would have to get a transfer approved by the Finance Committee (FinCom). The board agreed to forward this information to the FinCom for their recommendation. If approved, the work would be done the first week of December so that the vehicle would not be tied up for more than a couple of days.

Resident Andre Arsenault of Park Drive next came before the board to gauge their opinion on the proposed expansion of the New Bedford Regional Airport. Mr. Arsenault said he is concerned about the increase in air traffic and the fact that low-flying planes will be traveling so close to the town's elementary and middle schools.

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"The size of those planes is going to effect a lot of people in town," he said. "I'm concerned that the planes will disturb the education and threaten the safety of our children."

Selectman Koczera noted that as a pilot who uses the current facility, he would like to see the airport remain the way it is. "I would like to see the airport stay the way it is ... but, truthfully, I don't think it's going to happen," he said. "There is a major expansion planned for that site. We've let the airport people know that we want to be kept informed at every stage of the project."

"We haven't taken a position on the airport expansion project," said Chairman St. Jean. "We've appointed Selectman Koczera as the board's representative to attend meetings ... and he's reporting back to us. They haven't met in quite a while, but maybe we can send them a letter and find out when their next meeting is and get an update (on the project)."

Mr. Arsenault said he would be interested in attending the next meeting and he urged other people to get involved. "The negative effects of this project are

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Dr. Gould can be reached at the Mattapoisett Animal Hospital (508) 758-6400

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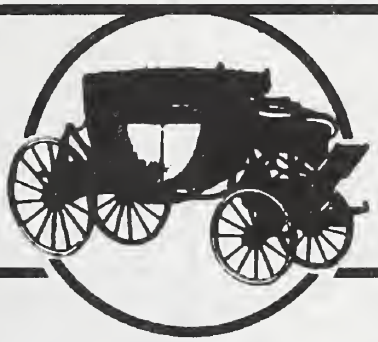

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going to greatly outweigh the economic benefits," he said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

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The Wanderer gladly accepts any and all news and press release items from local non-profit organizations for publication on a weekly basis. The deadline for submission of said items is **Monday at 12:00 noon** for publication in that week's edition. Due to the increased number of submissions, however, publication of press material is never guaranteed. *The Wanderer* will make every effort to publish timely news items and announcements as the subject warrants and as often as spacing allows. All press material must be submitted in writing — we cannot accept news items via telephone.

Photographs of area events and newsmakers are also accepted and encouraged. *The Wanderer* accepts well-lit and clearly defined color or black and white photographs for publication provided they include a brief summary of the event or subject. Those interested in getting prints returned should make arrangements to pick them up at our office on the Friday following publication. Like news items, the deadline for photos is **Monday at 12:00 noon** and the publication of photographs is also subject to spacing constraints and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

All submitted copy is subject to alterations and/or condensation as space allows at the editor's discretion.

Adoptable Animals

Can you imagine being walled up inside an apartment complex for a span of three weeks? This is an unbelievable but true story of Animal Umbrella's latest cat rescue. "Precious," an all-black female with gorgeous green eyes survived this ordeal. Her owners abandoned her and being frightened alone she chose to hide in the wall. A carpenter refurbishing the apartment walled her in and not until three weeks later when the new tenants arrived and heard her crying was she rescued.

She had no food or water during this time and when found was barely alive. She was taken to the animal health clinic in Bourne where she spent another three weeks being fed intravenously and observed closely by Dr. Sharon Murray. This past week she was brought to a foster home in Mattapoisett where she is receiving lots of TLC. Elaine, her foster mom, says she is very timid but loving and a real survivor. Precious now needs that

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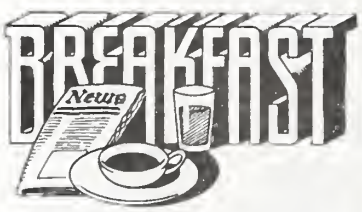

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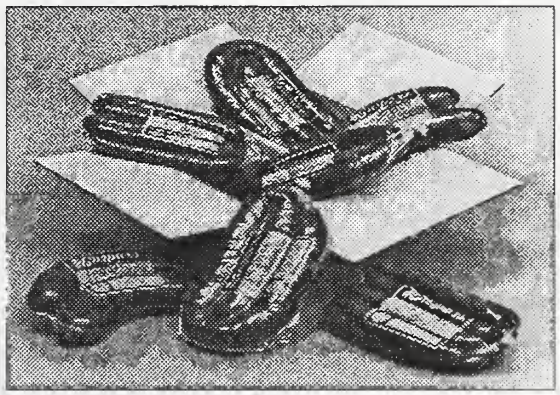

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"Mom," the featured cat last week, is still waiting to be the only cat in someone's house. She is a long-haired tiger, one year old, and is a real sweetheart. The group also has a three-legged female who had a leg amputated after being thrown out of a third floor window; a long-haired, three-year-old calico; an all-black seven-month-old female; a long-haired black and white neutered male; and several kittens.

The next Adopt-a-Thon will be held on Sunday, November 30 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at Denise's Pet Care Center in Mattapoisett.

The Fairhaven Animal Shelter located on Bridge Street has a new Animal Control Officer and the shelter is once again open for adoptions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some of the dogs available include:

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If interested in adopting a dog, please call Cristy at 979-4028. All dogs are heartworm-tested and rabies vaccinated by Dr. Murray.

If interested in any of the animal offerings here, please call one of the following local Animal Umbrella representatives:

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Rochester Tax Rate Certified

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue issued its certification to the Rochester Board of Assessors for Fiscal Year 1998. The tax rate has been set at $14.20 per $1,000 of valuation.

The new tax rate increased by 25 cents over the 1997 rate. The increase is due to appropriations approved by Town Meeting which equal $327,142 over the previous year. This amount includes a Proposition 2 1/2 override vote of $100,000 additional spending.

Only modest increases in local receipts are estimated for Fiscal Year 1998 which is reflected in the added amount of revenue the town must collect through property taxes.

Marion Art Center

Children's Tea Party

The Marion Art Center will host several special events to celebrate the holiday season. On Saturday, December 6, the third annual Children's Tea Party will be held in two seatings at 1:00 and 3:00 pm. This year there will be entertainment and a children's fashion show during the tea coordinated by professional fashion consultant Barbara Gee. Cinderella will host the event complete with fairy godmother, ugly step sisters, dancing mice, and other surprises.

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Gifts from the Sea

"Gifts from the Sea" is the theme of the Holiday Boutique now open in both galleries at the Marion Art Center. Over 35 artists and artisans from Cape Cod and the Southeastern Massachusetts area are included in the sale featuring one-of-a-kind hand-made items and fine art. Extended hours are: Tuesday through Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The center will be open on Friday, December 12 until 8:00 pm during the Tree Lighting and Marion Christmas Stroll.

Cecil Clark Davis

Saturday, December 13 is Cecil Clark Davis Day at the Marion Art Center. Never-before-seen diaries, letters, and photographs will be on display. Wendy Bidstrup will be available to relate biographical information and anecdotes about Cecil, portrait painter and first wife of Richard Harding Davis. Through the courtesy and generosity of Miss Frederica Dibblee Poett, an early oil painting of Richard, lovingly rendered by Cecil, will also be part of the exhibit. This portrait, owned by Miss Poett, friend and companion of Cecil for thirty

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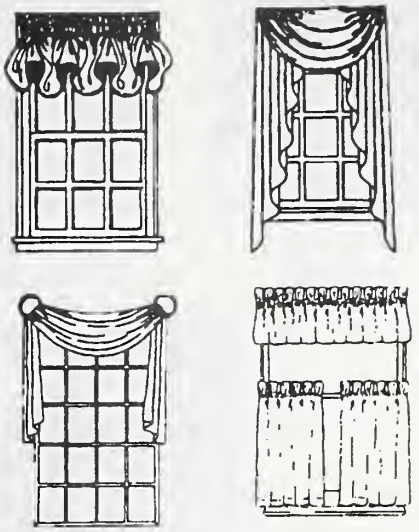

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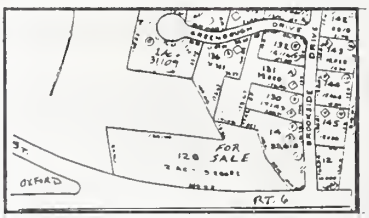

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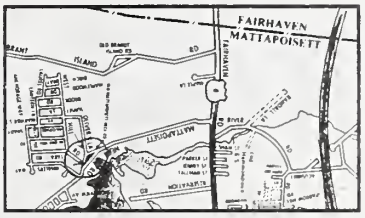

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Mattapoisett Christmas Party

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Then in the evening from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight there will be a Holiday Dance with music by the Doz Amigos (John and Dean) for your dancing pleasure and for caroling. A buffet will be served at 8:00 pm. Admission is $5 per person. The club would appreciate that everyone attending bring a wrapped toy, marked for a boy or girl. These will be given to the Firefighters' Auxiliary to be distributed. Tickets are available at the following locations: Don's Tire, Dunn Insurance Agency, Dr. King's Office, Village Styling Shop, Leeward Restaurant, and Seaport Coffee Shoppe.

Marion Holiday House Tour

Six Marion homes will be showcased for the Sippican Woman's Club Eleventh Annual Holiday House Tour in and Around Marion. Led by Club President Lu Chevrier and Ways and Means Chairman Renata Briggs, this annual event will be held on Saturday, December 13

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Centered around Marion's Handy's Tavern, the home of the Sippican Woman's Club, this historic building will be professionally decorated for a Williamsburg Christmas by Cathy Jones, assisted by club members. Homes on this year's tour are kept "secret" until December 13.

The always-popular Sugar Plum Tea will be held at St. Gabriel's Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Jeanne Lake chairs this function, included in the ticket price. The Marion Art Center also plans special activities centered around the gala tour. A holiday luncheon will be served in the First Congregational Church Community Center from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets for this function will be sold at the door.

In addition to the professional decorating of Handy's Tavern by Cathy Jones, Flower Works and Eden Landscapes will decorate some of the Marion homes on the tour.

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Tickets for the Holiday House Tour (including the Sugar Plum Tea) are $12 in advance and $15 on December 13. Luncheon will be available in the First Congregational Church Community Center for $6. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store, The Bookstall, the Sitting Duck, and Unique Image — all located in the Marion Village — and the Opulent Owl in Mattapoisett.

Holiday Reading at Millicent Library

Dorothea Paull, volunteer archivist, will read Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* at the Thursday, December 18 meeting of the Millicent Library's Book Discussion Group in Fairhaven. The 10:00 am program is FREE and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please join them for this special holiday treat.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' Christmas Dance will be held on December 6 at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road. The Square and Round Dancing will be mainstream-plus level and will take place from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. The caller will be Jim Schell and the cuer will be Anna McDougall. For more information, please call 995-7204.

Holiday Memorial in Fairhaven

The Hospice Community Nurse Association of Fairhaven cordially invites you and your family to attend their third annual Holiday Memorial Service to be held on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16 Temple Place in Fairhaven. A reception will immediately follow in the church hall. Please RSVP by calling 999-3400.

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The 1998 Beach/Wharf Stickers for residents will also be available for sale in the Selectmen's Office as of December 1, 1997 for a fee of $5 each. Seniors over the age of 70 are eligible for FREE beach/wharf stickers and shellfish licenses.

Tobey Hospital Christmas Events

The Tobey Hospital Guild will hold its Annual Christmas Party at 1:30 pm on December 4 at the Church of the Good Shepherd on High Street in Wareham. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by Mr. Turlek's Jazz Choir from Wareham High School. All are invited to attend.

A Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in the emergency room of the hospital on December 10 at 4:00 pm. For further information on the sale of paper ornaments for the tree in the lobby, please contact Ellen at 295-0880, extension 200. Coffee hour will follow the lighting of the tree.

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Christmas Craft Show in Marion

Do a little of your Christmas shopping at the Marion Natural History Museum's Annual Christmas Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Local craftspeople will be bringing in their wares to help the museum. Some of the items to be sold are jewelry by "As You Wish," artwork by Germaine Krobath and other examples of arts and crafts. A portion of the profits from these wares will go to benefit the museum's environmental education endeavors. Admission to the craft show is FREE and refreshments will be served.

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of December will be held on Wednesday, December 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

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The varied program will feature energetic Spanish Renaissance carols, selections from Randall Thompson's "Frostiana" (based on texts of Robert Frost), and Bach's Cantata 61 along with carols and poetry corresponding to each choral work on the program. For further information, please contact the UMass Dartmouth Music Department at 999-8568.

Mattapoisett Women's Guild

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Holly Fair in Marion

Christmas ornaments and gifts will all be part of the "Holly Fair" to be held on December 6 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm at the Marion United Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion. The fair will also feature plants, greens, a bake sale, and a complete luncheon to be served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at a cost of $5.50 per person. Lunch will also be served a la carte with soups (corn chowder, chicken noodle) for $1.75, sandwiches (tuna, ham) for $2, cranberry treat dessert for $1.50, and beverages (coffee, tea, milk) for 50 cents.

ORR's "Day of Caring"

The Junior Class (Class of 1999) will be hosting a fund raiser by providing child care for children (ages 3 to 10) in the tri-town area for parents who may wish to shop without the distraction of tired, hungry children. Letters with all pertinent information will go home in each elementary school this week to allow parents to pre-register their children for this event. All registration forms will be returned to each elementary school.

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Symphonic Band Concert

The Traditional Christmas Concert of the Tri-County Symphonic Band will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 3:00 pm in the Main Auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now for this eagerly-awaited festive occasion. What better way to start your Christmas week?

As usual, the program selected by Music Director George Dietzler is a mixture of old and new which will please the entire family. There is nothing like a good, old-fashioned band concert for an afternoon of family enjoyment. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for students with children under 5 admitted FREE.

Tickets are available at Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, the Shawmut Diner in New Bedford, the Bookstall in Marion, and at the door. This concert is made possible in part by grants from Cultural Councils in Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Lakeville, Marion, and Wareham.

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	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	BEGINNER	CLUB SALSA
	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	BEGINNER	NIGHT CLUB FOX TROT
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Mattapoisett Town Hall Theft

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Based on a preliminary investigation, it is believed that the money may have been taken between 12:30 pm and 12:50 pm on November 7. It is believed that the office door was inadvertently left unlocked. The theft was immediately reported to the Selectmen's Office. The Selectmen's Office promptly contacted the police department. Detective Mary Lyons is conducting an investigation into the theft. At the present time there are no suspects.

Plymouth Savings Food Drive

Plymouth Savings Bank has kicked off their 14th annual "Answer the Need" Food Drive to benefit families in need. Now through December 31, 1997, food collection barrels will be in the lobbies of all 16 Plymouth Savings branches and the Plymouth Savings Bank staff is hoping to collect more food than ever before.

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"The charitable organizations we work with have come to rely on our support over the last fourteen years," said Thomas S. Olsen, chairman, president and CEO of Plymouth Savings Bank. "Our goal is to significantly increase our donation so that food supplies will be sufficient for distribution throughout the winter months."

Please join in the spirit of giving and bring your non-perishable food items to the branch nearest you. If you have any questions, please call Plymouth Savings Bank at 1-800-649-3330.

ORR Junior High Anniversary

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will mark its 25th Anniversary this year. The school, which opened its doors in November, 1972, will host a celebration on Friday, December 5 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. A time capsule that was buried twenty-five years ago will be dug up and a new one will be buried. Former students and area residents are invited to attend. Please contact

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Tree Lighting

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Mall Trip

The next Mall Trip will be to the Christmas Tree Shop on December 4.

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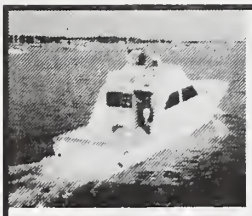

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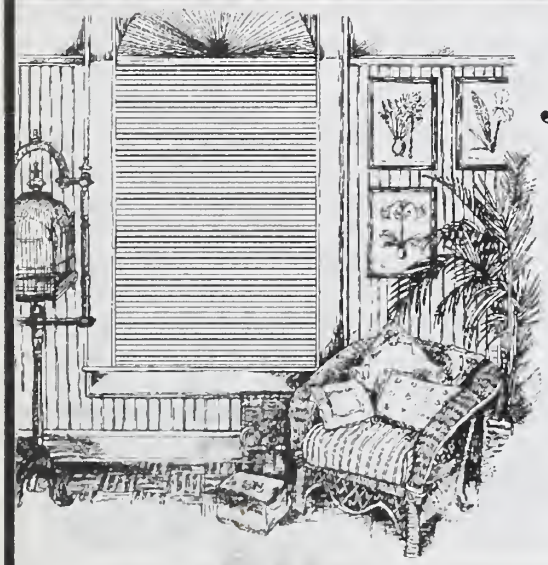

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Christmas Spectacular

On Friday, December 19, there will be a Christmas Spectacular musical program at Bristol Community College. The fee is $4 and the van will be going provided there are enough people. Please call if you are interested in attending this affair: 758-4110. The program is from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Bingo

Bingo is held on each Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. The van is available to pick you up if you need transportation. The group has lots of fun and would like you to join them. Please call 758-4110 if you need transportation.

Van Driver

Applications are still being accepted for a part-time van driver. Please call the COA office at 758-4110 for further information.

SHINE Counselor

Bob Walter, the SHINE Counselor, is at the Senior Center each Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to help you with any issues about health insurance. You may call 758-4110 for an appointment or just drop in.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is held each Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. The cost is only $1 per person. Come and learn the dances and be the rage at the next party you attend!

Fuel Assistance

Fuel assistance applications are now available. Please call the COA at 758-4110 to set up an appointment to complete the application.

Marion Council on Aging

New COA Hours

The Marion Council on Aging (COA) recently reported a change in hours — the new hours for the Marion COA will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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Applications are now being accepted for fuel assistance through PACE. Seniors may come to the Marion Council on Aging and receive their applications. You will need to bring verification of income, photo ID, and your fuel bills. For more information, please call the COA office at 748-3570.

Senior Lunch

A special table is waiting at Sippican School for lunch with friends. The cost is only 75 cents on any day that school is in session, except for half days.

Senior Rides

Call the Marion COA (748-3570) if you have any transportation need for doctor appointments or hospital tests. A group of volunteer drivers is available to meet

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these needs, and a handicapped van may also be used.

Acushnet Council on Aging

Senior Center

The Senior Center is open daily from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Meals will be served daily Monday through Friday at 11:45 am. Anyone in need of transportation should call 998-0280 for a ride.

I. D. Photos

There will be no ID photos taken during the month of December.

Thanksgiving

There will be no Line Dancing or Massages given on Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day).

Driver Wanted

The Acushnet COA is looking for a retired senior to drive the bus part-time. A Class II license is required. Please call 990-0280 if interested.

MBTA Passes

The Acushnet COA also takes photos for the MBTA Access Pass. This pass will cut the cost of the T-train to Boston in half.

SHINE Representative

The SHINE Representative will be at the Acushnet COA Thursday morning. Please call 998-0280.

Parish Mission in Fairhaven

A unique and dynamic opportunity for personal growth and spiritual renewal is being offered on November 30 through December 3, 1997 for the community of St. Joseph's Church in Fairhaven. As part of a team of professional Catholic evangelists, a priest and a lay person will offer a four-night Parish Mission at St. Joseph's Church beginning Sunday evening, November 30 at 7:00 pm and continuing each evening at the same time, concluding Wednesday, December 3.

Every evening the Isaiah Preaching Team will present a religious theme aimed at those who are seeking a deeper meaning in their lives, to discover or rediscover a personal living faith. To bring the participants together, refreshments will be served after each session.

"Our goal is to bring together those individuals who are seeking a deeper spiritual meaning in their faith," said Father Bill Heffron, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. "The Isaiah Mission is designed to renew our faith in the Lord, in such a way that there will be a feeling of increased spiritual fulfillment for those people searching for more from the church as well as for those individuals who actively participate in their church," said Father Heffron. "This is a wonderful way to prepare for the Christmas season."

St. Joseph's Church, located at Spring and Adams Streets in Fairhaven, welcomes all to attend this Isaiah Mission. For more information, please contact the rectory at 994-9714.

Marion Scouts Deliver Trees

Marion Boy Scout Troop #32 is selling first-quality Christmas trees again this year. They offer a "money back satisfaction guaranteed" policy of their first-quality trees. The cost is $25 for a six- to seven-foot tree, $30 for a seven- to eight-foot tree, and $35 for an eight- to nine-foot tree. They will deliver the tree for FREE, if you wish. Or you can pick up trees on December 6 at Island Wharf (across from the Marion Music Hall) on Front Street in Marion from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Please order your tree by calling Joan Hartnett-Barry at 748-0027.

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on December 3 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Social hour will be at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be James Vanecko, President of Advanced Interactive Marketing. Jim, who holds a Doctorate degree from the University of Chicago, specializes in financial services. He served in the Carter administration and currently counts among his clients Samsung Corporation of Korea. Jim will talk about the world-wide merging of telecommunications and finance.

Callers are reminded to phone in their lists no later than 9:00 pm on December 1. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Journalism Luncheon

Nine Old Colony Journalism students attended a Yankee PEN Adviser-Editor luncheon at UMass Boston on October 10 with adviser Jo-Anne Charette. The group attended two mini-workshops run by professional journalists from *The Boston Herald* and *The Boston Globe* and listened to feature speaker Louisa Williams, *Boston Globe* assistant managing editor, talk about the art of interviewing and what makes news.

The student journalists also had a chance to sit at a round table discussion with their peer journalists from high schools across the state. The attending Old Colony students included: Melissa Carvalho (Freetown), Jason Miller (Lakeville), Jocelyn Rioux (Rochester), Scott Davidson and Kristin Miles (Carver), and Christopher Pearson, Nicole DaSilva, Tim Ross, and Gina Lanzoni (Acushnet).

Journalism Conference

Eleven Old Colony Students attended a Journalism Conference at Durfee High School in Fall River on October 28 with adviser Jo-Anne Charette. Students listened to keynote speaker Margie Eagan *(Boston Herald)* talk about what makes good columns and how to get into the journalism field. Students then attended two sessions. They chose from photography (Bob Kerr, *Providence Journal),* editorial writing (Steve

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The attending Old Colony students included: Melissa Carvalho (Freetown), Jason Miller (Lakeville), Jocelyn Rioux (Rochester), Debra DeGowin, Scott Davidson and Kristin Miles (Carver), and James Breault, Christopher Pearson, Nicole DaSilva, Tim Ross, and Gina Lanzoni (Acushnet).

Student Council

The Student Council at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School announced its official slate of officers for the 1997-1998 school year. Elected to

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Cosmetology Demonstration

An Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate recently returned to share her expertise with students. Tammy Barboza Hoyle of Acushnet presented a live demonstration to the Old Colony Cosmetology students on the latest techniques in hair cutting and blow dry styling. Tammy is a 1987 graduate of Old Colony's Cosmetology Department and is presently employed at the Polished Look Salon in New Bedford. Old Colony's Cosmetology Department encourages and appreciates the continuous support of former graduates. Presently, the Old Colony Cosmetology Department retains four former graduates on their School Advisory Board Council.

Early Release Days

The Old Colony Steering Committee has established a calendar of Early Release Days in order to complete preparations for their New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Accreditation. These release days have been scheduled to provide time for subcommittees to meet and report to the Steering Committee and the entire faculty.

The following days will be Early Release Days with student dismissal at 12:15 pm: Friday, December 12; Friday, January 9; and Friday, January 16. For further information, please contact Gary Brown at 763-8011, extension 118.

Turkey Shoots in Mattapoisett

The public is invited to take part in a Turkey Shoot at the Fin, Fur and Feather Club, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett, to be held on Sunday, December 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lucky Targets (.22 rimfire) in the morning and Shotgun Lucky Targets (12 gauge) in the afternoon at $2 per round — the club supplies the shotgun shells. The public is also welcome for trapshooting on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, weather-permitting, for $2.25 per round.

Rochester Board of Assessors

The Rochester Board of Assessors' office will be closed on the following dates: Monday, December 1; Wednesday, December 3; and Thursday, December 4.

Mattapoisett Oil Recycling

Mattapoisett residents are now able to use the Town of Fairhaven's used oil recycling facility. The facility is open from 8:15 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. There is a charge of 25 cents per gallon and $1 per oil filter. Mattapoisett residents will need to show proof of residence. Any questions may be directed to the Mattapoisett Board of Health office at 758-4112.

Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

Christmas Gifts

The Friends of the Elderly will maintain a Christmas booth at the Senior Center starting December 1. The group will have sweatshirts designed by George Avila depicting various town landmarks. They are navy blue with white and are selling for only $15. What a nice gift, especially for someone who comes from Mattapoisett.

The group will also be featuring the Dinner for Two dine-out books for only $29.95. With this book, you can go to different restaurants and get two meals for the price of one. This is a great saving. Use it twice and you have saved the cost of the book. Use it three times and you are ahead money. The group will also have ornaments and various small items for sale — come on in and take a look.

Christmas Party

The Friends of the Elderly are sponsoring a party for all Mattapoisett seniors on December 10 at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. There will be a chicken bake catered by Peter Page, door prizes, and if so inclined you can dance to the music of Eddie Rodrigues. This is free to seniors, but admission is by ticket only. To get a ticket simply call Cynthia at 758-4110. The cut-off date is December 3.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is held at the Senior Center every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The cost is only $1 for an afternoon of fun and good, healthy exercise — it's also an easy way to meet new people and make new friends. Why not come and give it a try?

Christmas Auction in Marion

The Marion Garden Discussion Group (MGDG) will hold its annual Christmas Auction on Tuesday, December 9 at 9:30 am at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall on South Street in Marion. The general public is cordially invited to attend and participate in this popular event which is the principal fund raiser for the club. The proceeds will be used by the Garden Group in its efforts to beautify the village center.

The Marion Garden Discussion Group plants and cares for the lovely flower boxes which adorn many buildings around the village, adding greatly to the ambience of Marion's public and business areas.

This year, MGDG member Kay Reis will wield the auctioneer's gavel. Wonderful centerpieces, evergreen swags, wreaths, and a host of other holiday decorations created by members themselves will be offered for auction. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 am and a short period of time will be allowed for all to view the MGDG works of art before the bidding begins at 10:00

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am. For those with young children, babysitting will be provided free-of-charge in an adjoining room.

Fairhaven Holiday House Tour

On Sunday, December 7, the Fairhaven Colonial Club and the Fairhaven Historical Society will present their annual Holiday House Tour from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This year's event is once again featuring a new and different selection of homes which Laura Knipe, chairman of this year's event, explained is the "hallmark" of "our" tour of homes.

Ten homes including the Coggeshall Memorial, home of the Fairhaven Colonial Club at 6 Cherry Street, will open their doors to ticket holders. Among this year's highlights are two homes connected to Henry Huttleston Rogers, a famous oil tycoon and town benefactor. One of these was designed from a building which housed the power plant for the mansion on the original estate of Rogers near Fort Phoenix. Another is the Captain Peleg Gifford home, built circa 1835, where Henry Huttleston Rogers was married on November 17, 1862 to Abbie Gifford, daughter of the prosperous whaling captain.

Visitors on this year's tour will also be able to tour a saltbox-style home built circa 1815 for Franklin Bates, brother of the founder of the Seventh Day Adventists, Joseph Bates. This home was later owned by Captain Ebenezer Pierce who gave the sloop *Spray* to Joshua Slocum, who came to Fairhaven at Pierce's

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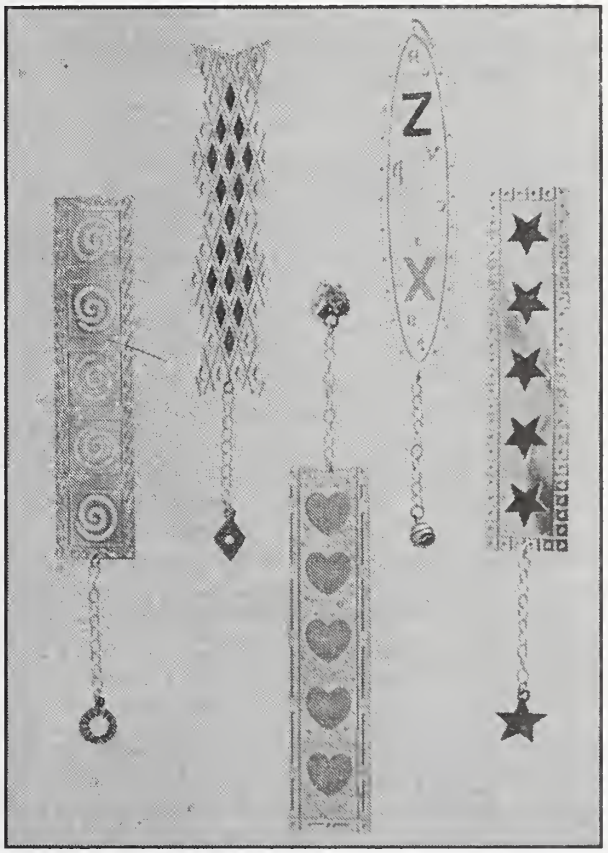

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Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna with meat sauce, green beans, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, December 4 — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, December 5 — French bread pizza, pasta salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, December 1 — Veal marsala, rice pilaf, carrot coins, whole wheat roll, chilled peaches.
Tuesday, December 2 — Shepherd's pie, cut green beans, oatmeal bread, chocolate pudding.
Wednesday, December 3 — Minestrone soup, tuna salad sandwich, potato salad, pita bread, fresh fruit.
Thursday, December 4 — BBQ beef strip, whipped potatoes with chives, peas, potato bread, chilled fruit.
Friday, December 5 — Chicken leg with smothered onions, DelMonico potatoes, mixed vegetables, multi-grain roll, cookie.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 1 — Chicken patty/roll, or Steak'Um, oven tries, soup, lettuce and tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 2 — Toasted cheese or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 4 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 5 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served as snack.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 1 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn, applesauce, butterscotch pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 2 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes with gravy, peas, chilled peaches, watermelon jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 3 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.
Thursday, December 4 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled pineapple, oatmeal cookie.
Friday, December 5 — Cheese pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon swirl bun, hot pastrami grinder, potato puffs, peas, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 1 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot dog on a roll, baked beans, potato wedges, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 2 — Cheese ravioli with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, grilled ham and cheese, chicken salad sub, green beans, salad, pears, strawberry jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 3 — Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, hot pastrami grinder, turkey, lettuce, tomato, oven fries, salad, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.
Thursday, December 4 — Kentucky style chicken, Sloppy Joe on a bun, Italian grinder, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, oatmeal cookie.
Friday, December 5 — American chop suey, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, tuna salad roll, tossed salad, carrots, applesauce, fruit roll-up.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL ACUSHNET

Monday, December 1 — Hamburger, French tries, pickles, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Tuesday, December 2 — Chicken nuggets, rice, carrots, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.
Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna with meat sauce, green beans, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.
Thursday, December 4 — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.
Friday, December 5 — French bread pizza, pasta salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 1 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn, applesauce, butterscotch pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 2 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes with gravy, peas, chilled peaches, watermelon jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 3 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.
Thursday, December 4 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled pineapple, oatmeal cookie.
Friday, December 5 — Baked lasagna, sausage pizza, hot pastrami grinder, potato puffs, peas, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 1 — Chicken patty/roll, or Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, lettuce and tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 2 — Toasted cheese or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 4 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 5 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served as snack.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 1 — Chicken soup, rib-b-que, hash brown patty, peas, mixed fruit.
Tuesday, December 2 — Chile dog, potato chips, corn, fresh fruit, marble cake.
Wednesday, December 3 — Chow mein sandwich, or bologna and cheese, stir fry vegetables, jello.
Thursday, December 4 — Juice, spaghetti and meat sauce, roll, green beans, chocolate chip cookie.
Friday, December 5 — Orange juice, pizza, potato puffs, carrots, assorted dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 1 — Chicken patty/roll, or Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, lettuce and tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 2 — Toasted cheese or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 4 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 5 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served as snack.

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 1 — Soup, linguiça patty, or chicken fritters, fries, corn, celery sticks, pickles, fruit, juice or milk.
Tuesday, December 2 — American chop suey, or chicken, garlic bread, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.
Wednesday, December 3 — Soup, shepherd's pie, or chicken patty, applesauce, roll, pudding, juice or milk.
Thursday, December 4 — Beef taco, or Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nacho, cheese sauce, salsa, fruit, juice or milk.
Friday, December 5 — EARLY RELEASE DAY: Muffins, bagels, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 1 — Chicken patty/roll, or Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, lettuce and tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 2 — Toasted cheese or ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 3 — Lasagna, garlic bread, or turkey pocket, salad, fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 4 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.
Friday, December 5 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served as snack.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 1 — Cheese pizza, baked pork chop with gravy, Steak'Um and cheese sub, rice pilaf, corn, applesauce, butterscotch pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 2 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes with gravy, peas, chilled peaches, watermelon jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 3 — Spaghetti twists, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter brownie.
Thursday, December 4 — Taco boat with all the fixings, hot ham and cheese, shaved turkey club, Spanish rice, chili, tossed salad, chilled pineapple, oatmeal cookie.
Friday, December 5 — Cheese pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon swirl bun, hot pastrami grinder, potato puffs, peas, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

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All of this year's homes are new to the Holiday House Tour and many have never been open to the general public before. Home owners and club volunteers will be at each house to act as guides. Light refreshments will be available at the Coggeshall Memorial House.

Advance tickets at $10 each may be purchased at the Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, or at the Euro Ship Store, 2 Ferry Street — both in Fairhaven. On the day of the tour, tickets at $12 each will be available at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 27 Center Street, the tour's starting point, where all participants must pick up their tour brochures and maps after 12:30 pm. Tour brochures and maps will not be distributed before the afternoon of December 7.

All ticket holders should report to the Fairhaven Visitor's Center the day of the tour to receive maps for locations of the homes. The maps will be required for admission to the homes. For additional information please call Laura Knipe at 993-5137, Darlene Tripanier at 990-0032, or call or write the Fairhaven Office of Tourism, 27 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. The phone/fax number is 508-979-4085. All proceeds will benefit the Fairhaven Colonial Club and Fairhaven Historical Society.

Mattapoisett Model Train Show

The 11th Annual Mattapoisett Model Train Show will be held on Sunday, December 14 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. Sponsored by Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, donations for the event are $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for children (ages 6 to 12) and seniors. This is the troop's annual fund raiser and all proceeds are used to cover troop operating expenses, camping trips and equipment. The show

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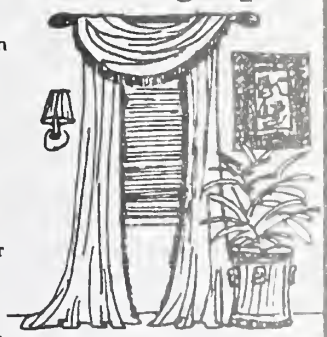

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Movies & Entertainment

'70's families weather the *Storm* in icy, cold world of detachment

By Rob Gonsalves

■ ***The Ice Storm.*** **Starring Kevin Kline, Joan Allen, and Sigourney Weaver. Directed by Ang Lee. Running time: 112 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 8 at the North Dartmouth Mall.**

The Ice Storm begins and ends with a train making its way home to New Canaan, Connecticut. Its heavy wheels crack the frozen glaze on the tracks as it passes trees that droop under the weight of glistening icicles. Every frame of *The Ice Storm* feels glacial and depressed. The title event rattles the windows of the perfect suburban houses; the people inside the houses ignore the storm, just as they ignore the frigid emotional climate in their living rooms and bedrooms.

The movie, set in 1973, is easily the best of the current crop of retro-'70's films. As a child of the '70's, I loathe '70's nostalgia — the disco, the polyester, the sideburns, *Star Wars*, that ugly *Mary Tyler Moore Show* font — I hate it all, and *The Ice Storm* looks back on it with refreshing detachment. It doesn't chuckle affectionately and say, "Boy, people were goofy back then." No, it stares through a microscope and says, "People were pathetic back then." You see the sideburns and the sweater vests, but you don't laugh much. It's not funny, it's *sad*.

Director Ang Lee, who showed great skill at depicting repression in *Eat Drink Man Woman* and *Sense and Sensibility*, isn't as kind to the story's two suburban families as their creator, Rick Moody, was in his 1994 book. Lee and screenwriter James Schamus have some compassion for these soul-sick New Canaanites but don't hold out much hope. These people are beyond help; they push themselves into "liberation" but trip over their own psychological shackles.

The Ice Storm follows the Hoods and the Carvers (renamed from the novel's Williamses, maybe in tribute to Raymond Carver) as they dabble half-heartedly in trangression. Ben Hood (Kevin Kline) is having a joyless affair with Janey Carver (Sigourney Weaver); Ben's wife Elena (Joan Allen) is a shoplifter, as is her gloomy daughter Wendy (Christina Ricci), who distracts herself with Janey's horny sons Mikey (Elijah Wood) and Sandy (Adam Hann-Byrd). Their misery is intricate and intertwined. The worse they feel, the worse they behave, which makes them feel even worse — the familiar vicious circle.

There's some humor in Ben's and Janey's idea of parental advice about sex; they're so clueless they'd be better off not telling their kids anything. But sadness lurks beneath the humor. You sense that the adults want to be good parents — they've screwed up everything *else* — but they honestly don't know how, and this is the best they can do. So the kids are already depressed and disillusioned. Their awkward sexual experimentation mirrors the queasy wife-swapping "key party," which is in full swing as the rain freezes on the cars outside. The movie's view of the fake libertarians and fumbling adolescents is coolly distanced; the kids could grow up to become the numb sexual automatons of David Cronenberg's *Crash*.

Lee has an impeccable cast. Kline makes Ben selfish and confused but still decent — there's a touching image of Ben carrying Wendy home through the wet, snowy woods — and Allen, a great and subtle actress, manages to suggest flashes of ungovernable wildness in Elena (what's up with that shoplifting?). And Christina Ricci, passing into adulthood (she's 17 now), is going to be a major reason to stay interested in movies. All the characters' self-disgust seems to crystallize in Wendy, and Ricci conveys it almost wordlessly.

The Ice Storm is a rich and elegant drama on its own, but it will be remembered for Ricci's first adult role. That the role is a 14 year-old girl only adds to the movie's poignancy. Kids couldn't stay kids for long even back in 1973.

Movie Listings

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.
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Friday (November 28) through Thursday (December 4)

Mortal Kombat: Annihilation (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:00
Red Corner (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:20, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00
One Night Stand* (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:00
Eve's Bayou (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 4:30, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 7:15
I Know What You Did Last Summer (R) – Fri-Sun: 5:00, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 9:15
Starship Troopers (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:15
The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) – Fri-Sun: 2:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 9:30
Boogie Nights (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:30

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

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Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142

Friday (November 28) through Thursday (December 4)

Anastasia (G) – 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
The Rainmaker (R) – 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20
The Little Mermaid (G) – Fri-Sun only: 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30
The Jackyl (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Bean (PG-13) – 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
Kiss the Girls (R) – Fri-Sun: 9:30; Mon-Thu: 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
Flubber (PG) – 12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Alien Resurrection (R) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10
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Holiday Performance

Center School's annual Holiday Performance will be "The Nutcracker" this year and will take place on Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 am in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School. Due to the lack of space for parents and families at previous performances, the school decided to move the performance to the high school. Ms. Diane Perry, Art Teacher, has been very busy working to make the necessary scenery, props, and costumes and Ms. West has been assisted by a number of parents on the choreography.

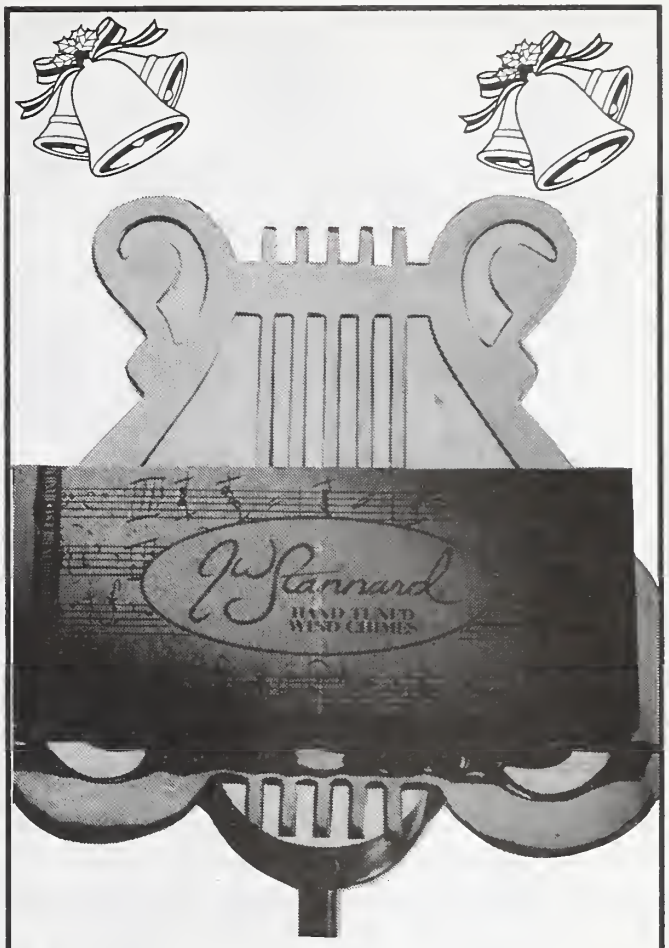
Holiday Workshop

The Mattapoisett PTA is once again sponsoring its ever-popular Holiday Workshop in the cafeteria of Center School on Friday, December 5 from 8:45 to 10:15 am for the morning session of Kindergarten and First Graders, and from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon for Second and Third Graders. Students will be involved in the making of holiday gifts to give to their family members. There is no cost for students to attend the Holiday Workshop and each student is reminded to bring a shopping bag (supermarket type) to carry their crafts home in.

Students in the afternoon session of Kindergarten and Project GROW students will have a separate Holiday Workshop program on Thursday, December 4 in their respective rooms. They will be doing the same craft projects that the students will be doing on Friday.

There is still a need for several parent volunteers to assist the second and third grade students from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon in the cafeteria. If you are interested in volunteering to work during this time or have any questions about the Holiday Workshop, please call Jen Rusinoski (758-6004), Kelly Coucci (758-3041), or Paulette Lake (758-3055).

PTA Meeting



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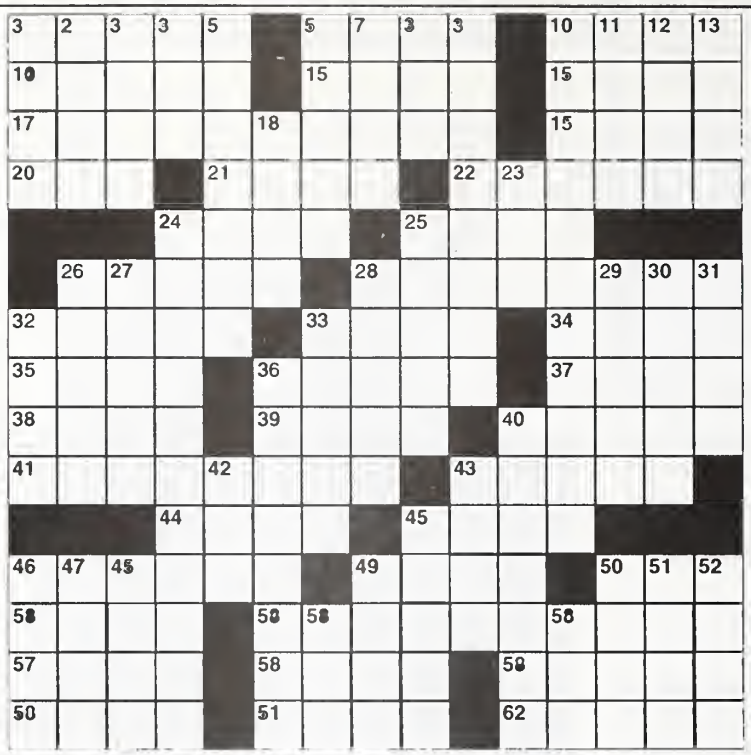

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). People will be ruled by their emotions. Sports activities should go very well, although there's a little more work involved than you like.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Your partner is your best coach. He or she has some brilliant insights. Romance blossoms. Make time for an attractive friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Money is a major issue. If you work, you'll get it. If you don't, you won't. Also, show you can be frugal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're strong. You're also vivacious, intelligent and good-looking. Be careful with your money. Don't spend it all on love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish up old business. Pay off old debts. The moon will be in your sign, giving you the extra touch of class you need.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your friends come through just in the nick of time. You're under pressure. Although you may be right, the other person outranks you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got too many places to be and too many people demanding your time. Besides, one of your supervisors is being a real jerk.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go for a drive or long bike ride. You'll enjoy a change of scene. An extra assignment virtually wipes out your social life.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Start by paying off a bill you owe. You can do it through private negotiations. The action's fast and furious, with a slightly syncopated rhythm.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A team effort works. You'll do fine together. Pay bills. Also, figure out how you're going to get the funding you want for a big project.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's too much work and not enough sympathy from your boss. He or she seems to think you can do anything and everything. Share the load.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You have all the luck in the world. Things won't be nearly as nice soon. Even previously easy tasks will be difficult. Don't worry, all this practice is making you stronger. You'll start getting luckier in love.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: You'll get a chance to broaden your horizons this year. Take it.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett PTA will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria at Old Hammondtown School. All parents are cordially invited to attend this meeting and become involved in the many activities of the PTA. New faces are always welcome and "many hands make for light work."

Mattapoisett Fire Department

During the Mattapoisett Fire Department's annual battery/smoke detector distribution, it was called to their attention that some of the batteries placed in detectors are not being put in correctly. Please make sure the batteries are connected properly. The detector will "beep" when the connection is made. If you question if your detector is in working order, the Fire Department will be happy to come and check to insure your safety. Please call 758-4150 between 8:30 and 11:00 am.

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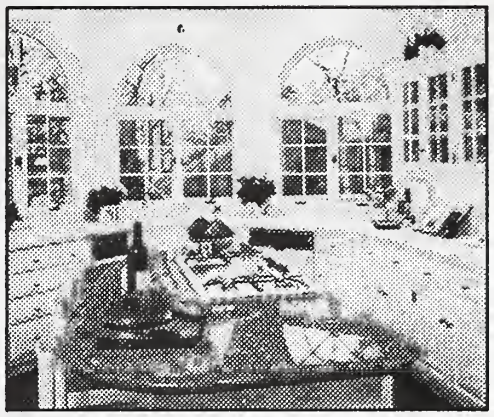

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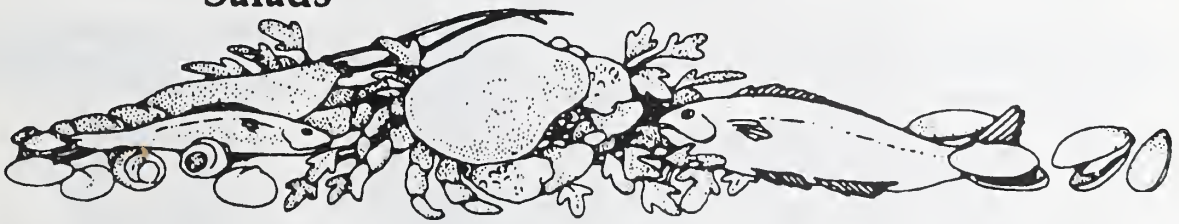

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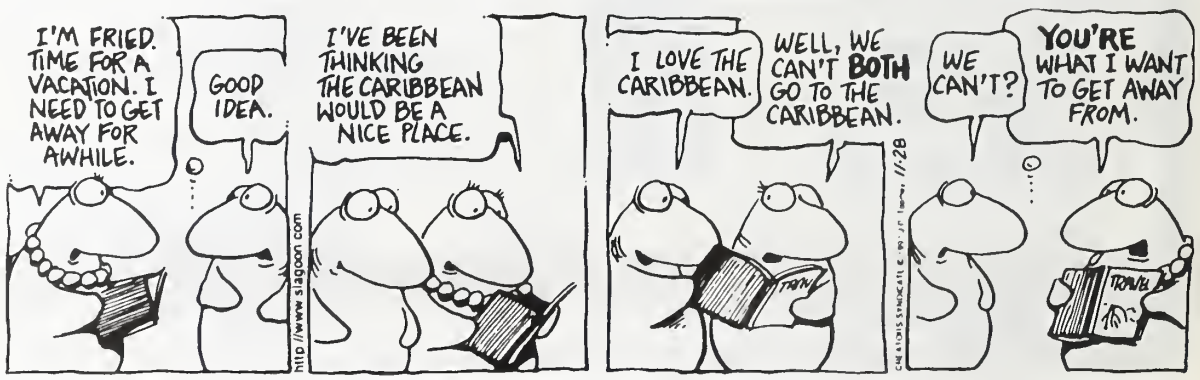

known Christmas songs), "Carol of the Bells," and a number of Christmas carols which will involve audience participation.

Its members as well as other volunteers undertake most of the day-to-day support for the Chorale. To help raise money for the group, a Beanie Babies raffle is being held at I Can't Believe It's Yogurt at 20 Sconticut Neck Road in Fairhaven. Two discontinued Beanie Babies — Magic Dragon and Blizzard the White Tiger — are being raffled off. Tickets are 25 cents each or five for $1. The drawing will be held on December 19 and there will be two winners.

Schools Show Holiday Spirit

District schools are showing their spirit and teaching a very important lesson about holiday giving. Rochester Memorial School will have its annual "Giving Tree." Each year, the PTO places a decorated tree in the foyer of the school and asks for small donations of items such as mittens, pencils, markers, socks, and the like. The school community is asked to make a contribution in place of purchasing gifts for staff members. These donated items are given to appropriate programs for children in need.

The Spirit Committee at Sippican School is collecting pennies for the "Neediest Family Fund," sponsored by *The Standard-Times*. A large plastic container will be located in the school library where pennies can be donated through December 17. Students will be able to put their pennies in the bottle at their regularly scheduled library time or whenever convenient. Each week, school custodians will weigh the container to estimate how much will be collected. The results will be posted so that everyone will know how the fund is growing. In addition to helping needy community members, the fund raiser will provide an excellent opportunity for estimation and other math activities throughout the school.

For further information, please contact Rose Hanley at Memorial School (763-2049) or Kate Jackson and Diane Cook at Sippican School (748-0100).

ORR Community Task Force

As part of a community relations effort, the superintendent of schools of the Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 will be working with a Communications Task Force during the upcoming year to develop a plan to improve school/community relations. The task force will be composed of students, school council designees, teachers, administrators, school committee members, and community members. The task force, which is modeled on the Technology Task Force which devised the Technology Plan, will meet once a month for one hour.

They are still looking for an interested community member from the Town of Marion. Anyone who would like to serve on the task force should forward a letter of interest as soon as possible to: Joan M. Walsh, Superintendent of Schools, Old Rochester Regional School District, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Fairhaven High School

Paris Trip

The Department of World Languages at Fairhaven High School is arranging a trip to Paris, France on April 15 to 25, 1998. The French teachers at FHS are inviting French students from area high schools to join the group and travel with them. The trip is unique in that it features a home stay with a French family and their teenage son/daughter from the Lycee Rodin, the hosting school. In addition to the home stay, the group will tour Paris and its surroundings as well as spend time with French teenagers at the Lycee Rodin. An overnight trip to the Loire Valley is also planned.

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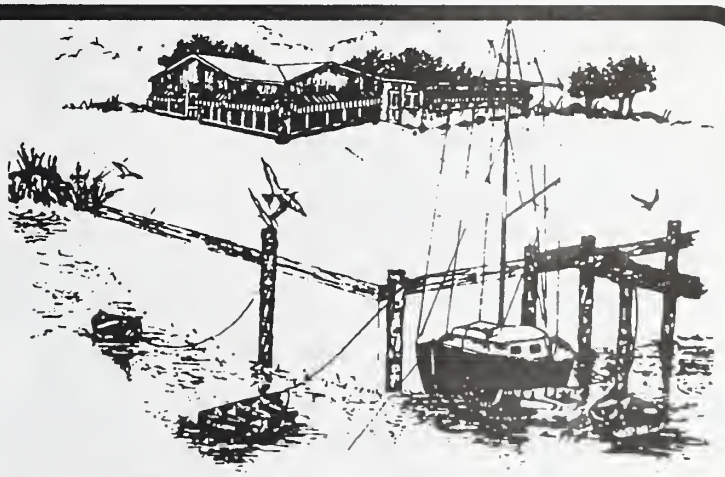

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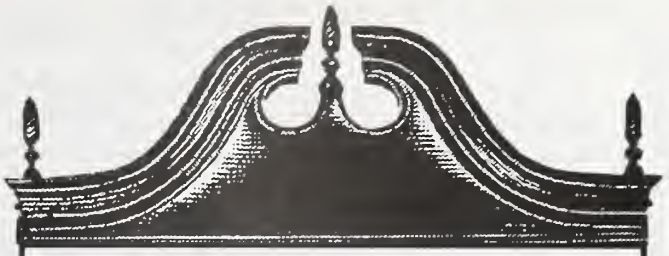

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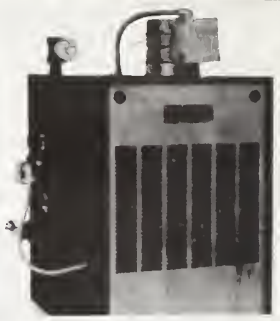

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November 22:	Sat.	1:35	1:57	6:59	7:42
November 23	Sun.	2:31	2:52	8:19	8:42
November 24:	Mon.	3:24	3:43	9:32	9:31
November 25:	Tues.	4:13	4:32	10:21	10:13
November 26:	Wed.	4:58	5:17	11:00	10:52
November 27:	Thur.	5:41	6:00	11:37	11:30
November 28:	Fri.	6:23	6:43	12:13	. . .
November 29:	Sat.	7:04	7:25	12:08	12:50
November 30:	Sun.	7:45	8:07	12:47	1:29
December 1:	Mon.	8:27	8:50	1:27	2:09
December 2:	Tues.	9:10	9:36	2:09	2:50
December 3:	Wed.	9:56	10:24	2:54	3:35
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December 6:	Sat.	12:15	12:40	5:35	6:13
December 7:	Sun.	1:18	1:43	6:43	7:17
December 8:	Mon.	2:18	2:44	7:59	8:25

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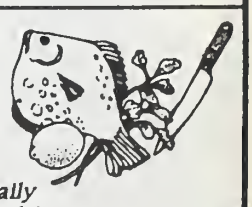

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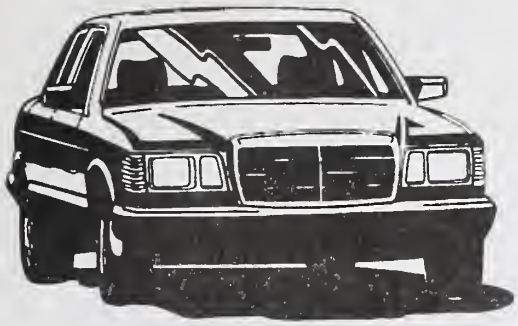

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